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Title: Method And Device For Controlling Power Consumption During A Rock Drilling Process And A Rock Drilling Apparatus Therefore

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed please find Form PTO-1449 identifying five (5) references. Also enclosed are copies of the five identified references.

The present application is the United States National Phase of International Patent Appl. No. PCT/SE2004/1758. The five identified references were cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application.

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Also enclosed are copies of the Written Opinion issued by the International Bureau in connection with the corresponding PCT application, Applicant's Response To Written Opinion, and the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with the corresponding PCT application.

Applicant notes that U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522 (Wilson et al) was cited in the International Search Report, mailed March 17, 2005, in Category X, and that the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, mailed March 17, 2005, concluded that the PCT claims, although novel and industrially applicable, were considered to be obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522.

Applicant's Response To Written Opinion Of The International Searching Authority, dated October 29, 2005, discusses U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522, and provides a detailed explanation establishing that the PCT Claims 1 - 21 are not obvious over the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522.

The International Preliminary Report On Patentability, dated November 22, 2005, determined that U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522 represents the closest prior art to the inventions defined by PCT Claims 1 - 21 (The remaining four (4) references cited in the International Search Report in Category A, which are also identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, were considered to merely define the general state of the prior art). The

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International Preliminary Report On Patentability provides a detailed discussion distinguishing PCT Claims 1 - 21 from the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522, and concludes that PCT Claims 1 - 21 are not obvious to a person skilled in the art, and therefore that PCT Claims 1 - 21 define patentable subject matter over the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,637,522.

Applicant notes that PCT Claims 1 - 21, as discussed in the International Preliminary Report On Patentability, correspond to the claims pending in the present United States National Phase.

Applicant respectfully requests that the five references identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be formally cited of record in connection with the present United States National Phase as generally illustrating the background state of the art.

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